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## BEARS IN TRAINING FOR GREATEST BASEBALL SEASON

### Jack Hilliard In Happy Hour

#### Follies Stars Feature Monday's Show Hour

In a show that had everything except a peanut-rolling race by Bengal tigers, Jack Hilliard, Follies Star, ably supported by M. C. Bonham; Dick Stabile and his Stable Mates; Tommy and Nadine, headline dance team from the Ziegfeld Follies; the Brooks Sisters; the Station Glee Club; and Ben Endel from Arkansas brought the Happy Hour to a new all-time high.

Jack Hilliard was especially gracious in singing many encores and ad-libbing a snappy line that had the men and their visitors rolling in the aisles. He completely sold himself to the audience when he made the statement: "All entertainers are liars at heart. And boy! do I eat this applause up." He was in particularly good voice Monday evening and he gave out with what the customers pay \$6.80 apiece to hear (if lucky enough to get a ticket).

Dick Stabile, good as his word, had many new arrangements and novelty numbers worked up, and the way they were put over was out of this world. Midway through the program, after working up to a dramatic moment, he announced the next number as "Do Nothing Till You Hear From Me." A high pitched falsetto voice from the audience answered him: "I won't!"

It was most interesting to watch the dance team of Tommy and Nadine work out on the limited stage. They were in constant danger of landing either in the audience or in the laps of the orchestra with every routine, yet they carried on superbly under these handicaps. In the case of Nadine, she would have found many welcoming laps among the male spectators.

Every one agrees that Mr. Bonham has done it again, and we look forward with more than a little interest to the next Monday's presentation of The Happy Hour. And, to the many stage celebrities and others who donate their time and their talents to our entertainment, our deepest gratitude.

### Ray Weber Joins Editorial Staff

Popular athlete will edit "Sport Slants" column and act as Sports Editor of THE GROTON STATION NEWS starting with this issue.

In keeping with the steady growth of feature material in the station paper, comes this new change in the Sports set-up. Weber is ideally situated to give you ALL of the sports dope as he will be playing and traveling with the ball club and will be close to all other athletic events of the station. The NEWS staff gives him a hearty welcome. We know you'll like his stuff.

### No Deferment Problem

On a wall at selective service headquarters, 1 East Forty-fourth St., is a draft mobilization order issued by the Ethiopian government in 1935 when Mussolini was dreaming of empire. New York officials gaze at it often with envy, admiring its wonderful simplicity. It reads: "When this order is received all men and boys able to carry a spear will go to Addis Ababa. Every married man will bring his wife to cook and wash for him. Every unmarried man will bring any unmarried woman he can find to cook and wash for him. Women with babies, the blind and those too aged or infirm to carry a spear are excused. Anyone found at home after receiving this order will be hanged."



**DOG DECORATED**—Nora, a German shepherd, receives the bronze John P. Haines medal from Sydney H. Coleman, executive vice president of ASPCA. Evans E. Mitchell (holding Nora) fainted one night while on beach patrol along the North Carolina coast and the dog found him and brought a rescue party to the scene. Men of the Oregon Inlet, N. C., Beach Patrol Station had bought Nora from a neighborhood family for \$50. The presentation took place at the 78th Annual meeting in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, N. Y.

### Chiefs In Bowling Tourney With Hartford Heart-Throbs

There's a tournament brewing and it isn't a tournament of roses. In fact it's already brewed and the result is a potent mixture of strikes, spares, and spares. In case this has you somewhat confused we refer to the recent bowling engagement between Roger Malbon, CY; Frank Donnini, CMM; Kurt Weaver, CSK; Randall Holladay, CMoMM; Joe Schaschl, CY; and the top-flight girls' team from the Travellers Insurance Co. in Hartford.

The first game was won by the gallant (?) chiefs from Avery Point by the not too large score of 45 total pins (Bobby pins are not included in this summary.) It might be added that the difference might have been greater had not the long trip down to Hartford in Chief Malbon's jalopy tired out the Groton keglers. But so that the thing may be evened up, they plan to stage a home and home engagement, with the Hartford Honeyes appearing at the Station alleys (if permission can be secured.) And when this comes to pass, it's an exhibition WE WANNA SEE.

### Congressmen To Talk On Vital Issues

Representative Harold C. Hagen from Minnesota and Representative Joseph Lesinski from Michigan are to be in Groton, Conn., on Wednesday, April 26, at 8 p.m., at the Regular Veterans Hall, 40 School St., to speak on bills now pending, or shortly to be introduced in Congress, that should be of great interest to all service personnel.

This is to be an open meeting and all service personnel are urged to attend. Many of these bills are vital to you.

This occasion marks the second anniversary of R.V.A. Post 203, which has grown in this short time to nearly 600 members.



Jewish—Thursday: 1800 Room 131, Student A.  
Protestant—Bible Class: 0915 in Recreation Hall. Services 1030 in Auditorium.  
Catholic—Sunday Mass: 0915 in Auditorium.

### Schedule Fifty-Four Games Against Tough Opposition

Mr. Bonham has announced that the Bear baseball team will play more games this season than ever before in the history of Station baseball. In addition to 24 games scheduled for the Twilight League, there are 30 exhibition contests, ranging from games with strong semi-pro, service, and college outfits to some possible big-league exhibition ball.

All League games will be played at Morgan Park, New London, while the exhibition games played here will be staged at Mercer Field. There will be ample opportunity for everyone on the Station to see and enjoy plenty of fast, entertaining baseball.

With the addition of another good pitcher, prospects would never be brighter for an outstanding Station ball club. Possibilities are being tracked down and player talent probed in a wide-range search for promising pitching material. It is safe to say that these efforts will be well rewarded before the season gets under way.

General Hershey's figures, which cover draft registrants between the ages of 18 and 38 follow:

Total living registrants	22,138,000
In the Armed Forces (inducted)	6,540,000
In the Armed Forces (enlisted)	2,430,000
Disqualified physically	2,430,000
In process of classification	1,090,000
Occupational Deferments	3,834,000
Dependency Deferments	4,645,000
Deferred for other reasons	152,000
Unclassified	90,000

Included in the 1,090,000 men now in the process of classification, examination, or induction, are 43,000 men who have been found qualified for induction for limited service under present requirements but whose services have not been required by the armed forces as yet, Gen. Hershey said.

### Land of the Free—Home of the 'Wave'

The handsome, much illustrated recruiting booklet issued to women contemplating enlistment in the WAVES brings out some surprising facts and even more eloquent omissions. We quote:

"From the minute you step out in your smart Navy blues, you step into a brand new experience (they ain't kidding). It's a busy, crowded life. The work is often hard. But it's fun . . . always INTERESTING."

"Picture yourself in these smart Navy uniforms. It's a proud moment when you first step out in brand new Navy blues. The trim, smart uniform was especially designed to flatter every figure and make you look . . . and feel, your best. When you arrive at recruit school you will be provided with an allowance of \$200 for uniforms and other clothing. The official uniform consists of everything that SHOWS, except shoes and gloves. After one year's service you will get \$50 a year for replacements."

"You enlist in the WAVES as an Apprentice Seaman at \$50 a month. Not high by civilian standards. But remember, that \$50 is just your BEGINNING pay . . . It's only your base pay . . . and it's all yours because all your living expenses are paid. Where government food and quarters are not allowed you get \$1.80 a day for food, \$1.25 for quarters . . . a total of \$91.50 a month. So your beginning base pay of \$50 becomes \$141.50. A pretty good starting salary in any job. And as you can see by the table below, you can increase that income to \$229.50 a month." (Easy.)

"You'll have good times with good companions. S H O R E LEAVE . . . there's plenty of fun around Navy stations and (Continued on page 3.)

### Servicemen Vote Bill Becomes Law

(CNS)—After months of Congressional debate, the hotly-contested servicemen's voting bill has now become law, providing for a limited use of Federal "Official War Ballots" in the November general elections.

Under the provisions of the bill, servicemen may also apply for state absentee ballots in conjunction with state laws in primary, special and general elections between now and November. A United States War Ballot Commission has been established to help administer the act.

"The Official War Ballot", however, covers only the National election in November of President, Vice-President, senators and representatives. Its use by sailors with voting residence in any state depends upon whether the laws of that state allow it to be counted. It will be impossible to determine which states will okay the ballot and which will not until July 15 when state governors certify to the War Ballot Commission, the provisions of their laws for voting by State absentee ballots and whether their laws authorize Federal ballots.

Anyway, sailors who will be able to use the "Official War Ballot" are the following:

1. Sailors inside and outside the U. S. from states who have no state absentee ballot but do allow the use of the Federal one.

2. Sailors outside the U. S. from states permitting the use of the Federal ballot who take an oath that they applied for a State absentee ballot before September 1 and have not received it by October 1.

There is nothing in the new law to restrict the right of sailors to vote under State absentee voting laws which cover primary and special elections as well as general ones and make it possible to vote for state and local officials as well as Federal ones.

Any sailor who is uncertain about his eligibility to vote should write a letter to the secretary of state of his home state right now and find out.

After voting eligibility has been established, War Department postcards may be used in further steps to get a ballot. The law provides for a new type of postcard but the Navy has a large supply of the old forms (WD AGO Form 560) on hand and they are acceptable, too. In applying (Continued on page 4.)

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## OUR CHANGING WORLD

Have you wondered what you are going to do when the war is won and you return to civilian life. Have you been upset by what economists have predicted for the first few postwar years? Have appeals for War Bond purchases as a safeguard against coming depressions given you the impression that we are going to slip from war activity into a large-sized imitation 1930, '31, and '32? If these things have upset you, relax, and let's look at things rationally.

In an earlier issue we discussed the great changes in store for the automobile and rail industries. But we didn't touch on one phase of transportation that will undoubtedly do more to change our living and our habits than any other single factor. That is aviation.

With the development of modern air travel, man has conquered distance. Mountain, ocean, arctic, wilderness and desert barriers no longer exist. And nationalism as we knew it has been largely broken down along with the decimation of distance. This means that we will be traveling to, and trading with, all the nations of the world with no more inconvenience than at present exists in trade between our East and West Coast cities.

In 1840 about 75% of America's commerce traveled to foreign ports in the holds of our speedy clipper ships. But when steam came in, we let our maritime supremacy decline. When we entered this war only some 30% of our foreign trade was carried in American ships. This deplorable condition cost the nation millions of dollars annually. But you may be sure that we will not let the air supremacy which we now enjoy slip from our grasp so easily. We have a huge fleet of air carriers, greater knowledge of flying than any other nation, and over 2,000,000 men trained in the various duties of flying.

The United States is a great industrial nation. If we are to enjoy freedom from depression and unemployment, we must find foreign markets for the things we make. The development of air travel will open up vast markets by eliminating the barriers of time and distance.

It is no secret that America can make better things faster than any other nation in the world. Our ability to do this and our ability to transport these products in our own air carriers mean that there will be plenty of jobs open for any man who wants to work. This is what air supremacy means to you.

After the war you may go home to a North Dakota city. But you won't stay there. It will take you only two hours to fly to Chicago and you'll find that the family prefers to do much of its shopping there. Washington, D. C., will be only six or seven hours from your doorstep, by air. Seattle will be a short overnight hop. If you're a merchant, you may take a day's trip to Stalingrad to inspect some Russian merchandise. It will take you only about twelve hours. And don't be surprised if some Spanish-speaking sportsmen from Colombia, South America, show up at your doorstep some morning for a day's duck shooting. It's only twenty-seven hours from there, with present air schedules.

Maybe you'll prefer to keep your Dakota home but operate a business in Omaha. In that case you will likely own your own plane and commute back and forth each day. It won't take you long—an hour perhaps.

This is the world that awaits us when the war is won: a world of commerce, jobs, prosperity, luxuries. In this new world you can write your own ticket to success because you will be in on the ground floor. Your best bet now is to train yourself to take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead.

## "Hot Stuff"

From the Electrician Mates School

This week's issue of Sparks and Larks has taken a terrific setback. Reason: Spring fever. As the warm April sun (↑) shines down on our withering old bones our thoughts are lightly turning . . . away from electricity, away from the happy comradships of Avery Point, and especially away from work in any form whatsoever.

In fact we feel like "Sack Bug" Sloan when he returns from his weekly excursions. You know the look, like death warmed over? It's rumored that he's doing his bit for the War Production Board . . . Boston seems to hold an attraction for "California Red" Colton and "Salty" Basimore. "Quiz Kid" Dobson who also gets up there frequently says it's the historical interest.

Charlie Thomas has found that Newark is a hotbed of cute welders who carry blow torches (we couldn't think how to spell acetylene). They spotwelded Charlie's bankroll . . .

Latest edition of Corn on the "Cobb" has "Pretty Boy" Chastain hunting all over for the lubber's line. He still isn't sure whether it is red or green . . . Chief Matthews will have the questionable pleasure of tutoring Section 1 for a week. And he's "yust the guy whot can do it, too?"

Gilbert Walling, "Jake" Jacobson, and Joe Fleckas decided to take a cab back to the station the other night. So they pooled their pennies, borrowed a dollar, took back the ten cent tip they had set aside for the waitress and went on a still hunt for a metermobile. Hours later the cab with Walling aboard started out with a jerk. In fact it was three jerks because Jake and Joe were with him . . . Add to things to avoid, Pete Boyages and his radio announcer imitations. "It's a train, it's a plane, it's a boid, it's a woid, it's Gene Emert getting ready for liberty!"

Modern American version of harikari, "Suicide Blonde" Naish . . . dyed by his own hand . . . "Donald Duck" Tater is rumored to eat "quackers" in his sack. And while we're reading blueprints, here's one that's really blue:

Sad today and much to our sorrow, We're here today and here tomorrow

Yours for better contacts,  
SHORT CIRCUIT CLAIRE

## Medical Care for CG Wives and Children

(Courtesy Harpoon)

Wives, children (if unmarried and under 21 years of age), and parents who are actual dependents of officers or enlisted personnel, are entitled to medical treatment and hospitalization when the facilities of the Medical Department of the Coast Guard and the Navy are available.

Out-patient medical treatment may be obtained by the families of officers and enlisted men at Coast Guard or Naval stations where appropriate facilities for administering such treatment have been provided. Visits to the dispensary, except in cases of emergency, are confined to the days and hours established by the particular unit involved. In certain cases, medical officers may attend families of Coast Guard personnel residing within a prescribed area.

Certain hospitals have been designated to admit dependents of Coast Guard personnel when accommodations are available. A uniform charge of \$4.25 per day is made for such hospitalization. Dependents shall be admitted ONLY FOR acute medical and surgical conditions and NOT FOR nervous, mental, and chronic conditions or contagious diseases. Dental treatment is not administered.

Application for hospitalization may be made through the medical officer in attendance on the case or directly to the commanding officer of the hospital. The application for medical care or hospitalization must be accompanied by a "Dependent Identification Certificate," which is filled in by the officer or enlisted man on whom the applicant claims dependency. Do not wait until medical treatment is required to get this certificate completed. You may obtain it at any time, or your dependent may secure it through the nearest Coast Guard or Naval unit in order that it may be available immediately, should the occasion for its use arise.

The Coast Guard or Navy is NOT authorized to pay civilian medical or hospital expenses for dependents UNLESS such treatment has been rendered by and within the facilities of the Medical Department of the Coast Guard or the Navy.

## Gift Forwarding — Shopping Aid For Men Serving Overseas

Naval as well as Army personnel are now enabled to have gifts of any type sent home to relatives and friends from any place outside the continental limits of the United States. Arrangements are made by placing orders with the Ship's Service Stores ashore or Army Post Exchanges.

The Army originated the plan as a special Christmas service for men overseas, and it has been extended as a year-round privilege.

Army Exchange Services are arranging a special gift catalogue to be issued to the Ship's Service Stores participating. The list of items includes everything from a war bond to toys, flowers, perfume, toilet articles, books, candy, neckties, etc. Delivery to any point in the United States is included in the price cost.

Orders are forwarded to the Army Exchange Service in New York, where they are placed with the vendors who package the merchandise, enclose an appropriate gift card, and forward it to the recipient. Occa-

sional substitutions may be necessary because of shortages of products and market conditions, but vendors will be authorized to sell only similar merchandise of equal value.

Ship's Service Departments, operating on a non-profit basis, will process gift orders. Prices charged do not include any service fee for handling orders by the Army Exchange Service.

### SALE OF GIFT CIGARETTES RAPPED

Orders have been issued to commanding officers to take necessary steps to prevent the unauthorized sale of gift cigarettes to naval personnel.

The most common occurrence of this sort is reported as taking place through exchange, at Ship's Service Stores, of gift cigarettes of one brand, with subsequent sale of the gift cigarettes in the regular course of business.

## Mail Bag

All material submitted must be signed. Your name does not appear and is treated confidentially by the NEWS staff. If your criticism is considered of a constructive nature, it will be printed in these columns. The gripes appearing in this feature do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editor.

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Dear Editor

The practice of overloading civilian buses running to and from the station is undoubtedly a wartime necessity. However, on several occasions when the bus has been filled to capacity and it was impossible for those standing to move back any further, the driver has undertaken to discipline the passengers by refusing to move until the passengers have wedged themselves dangerously off balance. This practice has been aided and abetted by the S. P's on duty at the bus station.

G. I. Sardine

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Dear Editor:

I have a gripe. Why haven't we had a "Mail Bag" column before this. It's a great opportunity to air your views and clear the atmosphere. Now, when we hear someone complaining, all we have to say is "Tell it to the Mail Bag." It gives the Chaplain a well-earned rest.

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Dear Editor:

This isn't exactly a gripe but maybe you'll print it anyway. It's about our new week-end liberty. This one o'clock business is ALL RIGHT and I'm sure all of the men feel as I do about it. Even if we do have a hard time getting in to town . . . what the Devil! We're way ahead of the game.

Grateful

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Dear Editor:

The Ship's Service Store continues to show a big profit despite scuttlebutt about scaling down prices. If it distresses them to make money, why don't they put on specials occasionally on things that everyone uses, like soap, etc.? Even the big stores operated for a profit use specials to get people into their places of business.

**Recruit:** "Sir, I have a pain in my abdomen."

**Doctor:** "Young man, officers have abdomens, chiefs have stomachs—you, you have a bellyache."

A cute little lass approached the floorwalker and asked, "Do you have any notions on this floor?"

The floorwalker looked her over and then remarked, "Yes, madam, but we suppress them during working hours."

Definition by New London Lizzie: As subtle as a sailor with a six-hour pass.

Remember, no one is entirely useless. Even the worst of us can serve as horrible examples.

Excited young lady phoning to hotel clerk, "There's a rat in my room!"

Clerk: "Send him down, lady, he'll have to register."

## Male Call



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## Scents-ible Approach



## "Dear Vi!"

Dear Vi,

I got sent up to Groton to go to Cooks and Bakers School. No more beach pounding for me. They claimed I ate too much at the last place. Figured if I saw how the stuff was put together my appetite would calm down some.

We landed at the depot at New London at 10 a.m. yesterday. I asked a guy where Groton was. He looked at me for a minute, said "poor fellow" and walked off. Down the platform a couple of Joe's were loading seabags on a truck. I noticed by the truck that they was from the station so I says, "Got my gear in there, mate?" "When did you get in?" he comes back. "This morning," I says. "It'll be here in about ten days, then," returns this guy and drives off.

Me and another fellow went over to the Bus station to ride out to the base. They said to take the bus marked Hotel Griswold. This sounded like a good deal to me. A nice hotel, liberty every night, maid service I was going to like this place. "When does it run?" I asks. "The next bus is at 9:05" chirps back the twerp. "But it's 10:15 now," I answers. "That's nothing," cheeps the chick. "You haven't got so long to wait."

As Dickens used to say, "The shades of night was drawing fast" when the fugitive from a junk pile we was riding finally clanked to a stop and a shiver outside some big iron gates. "Is this the joint?" I asked the driver. "If it ain't I'm Barney Oldfield" he comes back. As he obviously wasn't Barney Oldfield I grabbed my toothbrush and started inside.

I got about twenty steps when a Chief and a couple of 2c Bos'n's Mates grabbed me and steered me into a brick block house. "Where's your liberty card?" the chief wants to know. "Where's the hotel with the good looking maids?" I comes back. Then we just stopped and glared at each other.

These guys told me to go up and report to the mansion. That sounded like a bum deal to me. All I wanted was a corner room with adjoining bath looking out over the ocean. Why should a guy learning how to be a cook live in a mansion.

I soon discovered I wasn't. That's a place, like Fort Knox, Kentucky, where they store all the gold. You have to swim through it in that place.

I'm writing this upside down with one leg wrapped around a double-decker. Four square inches of bench that some guy overlooked is serving as a desk. When I asked them for a corner room they said "Sure, and so you won't get lonesome we'll give you 300 other men as roommates." Honey, they wasn't kidding.

We're studying "A" to "N." Don't ask me what it stands for. I think it means "all" or "nothing." Will write soon.

Your ever loving  
Bennie

## "Argentia Nuts" Rally To Call

When Paul Della Penna published a greeting to members of the Argentia Nuts in the 9 March issue of the GROTON STATION NEWS, it seemed unlikely that it would reach any of the 100 members. The club, if you remember, was organized among patients of the Argentia Newfoundland Naval Hospital, and resolved to have a victory celebration at Dempsey's on March 17, 1944, to celebrate the victory. Della Penna's greeting served as notice that the get-together would be postponed until March 17, 1945.

The most remote member heard from was Edwin Charles Crandall, PHM2c, who V-mailed from jolly England. He said, "It so happened that on March 17 I was thinking about our get-together club and wondered if anyone else was thinking of it."

While most of us are not members of the Argentia Nuts, we all applaud its aims and hope its get-together will be a speedy affair, the sooner the better.

## Mustering Out Pay Forecasts Happy Day

Mustering-Out Pay Simplified:  
\$100—personnel with less than 60 days' active duty.

\$200—personnel with 60 days' or more active duty, no part of which was outside continental United States or in Alaska.

\$300—personnel with 60 days or more of active service, any part of which was outside the continental United States or in Alaska.

These regulations apply to members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard and their components (USCG — USCGR) or the female reserve in each branch of the service. Only those members of the WAC who were discharged honorably on account of disability are entitled to payment. This affects all those who have been discharged or released from active duty under honorable conditions since 6 December, 1941.

Coast Guard and Navy veterans must file their applications for mustering-out pay with the Field Branch, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Cleveland, Ohio.

Commissioned officers of all services are required to furnish evidence of the length and termination of service to their respective departments. Coast Guard officers will make application to U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (CNS) — Leon A. MacDonald, a baker, handed a package to Mrs. Selma Carlson, a customer. Mrs. Carlson took it home thinking it was just a loaf of bread. When she opened it she found it contained \$1,850 in cash. Mr. McDonald, it seems, got mixed up and gave her the wrong package. He was so happy to get his money back that he gave Mrs. Carlson a free loaf of bread.



ALASKAN RECEPTION COMMITTEE—Helping to make travel in the Alaskan wilderness sections less dangerous in this typical Coast Guard rescue party. Top left: Don Lindberg of Anchorage, Alaska, contacts a walkie-talkie party with a two-way set. Top right: M. L. Nelson, Parachute Rigger 3c, one of the specially trained men who jump into the Alaskan wilderness on errands of mercy. Lower left: B. L. White, PR 3c, of Briggsdale, Cal., approaching a precarious landing in the Arctic wastes. Lower right: Don Lindberg and Vernon J. Dhoogie of Colton, Ore., making their ways back from a routine trip into the wilderness.

## Land of the Free--

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plenty of friendly folks who enjoy the same things you do. You may be assigned to duty at one of these Navy stations: New York City, Bethesda (Md.), Great Lakes Station, Corpus Christi, Texas, San Diego Naval Base, Washington, D. C. Though you will not select the base where you will be stationed, your request will be given every consideration as long as it does not conflict with the needs of the Navy."

"Your family will be proud of you — your friends will look up to you. You couldn't ask for a bigger thrill than a girl when she gets back home on leave wearing her smart Navy uniform. Your friends crowd around. Your folks beam with pride. They all want to know where you've been, what you've done. And do you have stories to tell?" (What, no boy friend?)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
"May I resign?" In wartime, resignations are discouraged. A letter to your Commanding Officer requesting discharge and stating your reasons will be forwarded for consideration. However, unless an emergency has arisen since you joined the service, it is unlikely that your request will be granted.

When do I get my uniform? After you arrive at training school.

What will be my hours at training school? The hours will depend on the school you attend. However, they will be on a military basis. Reveille, taps, etc. (Especially etc.)

May I wear make-up? Yes, a reasonable amount.

Must my hair be cut short or worn in any particular style? You may wear it in any style becoming to you, but it should be short enough not to cover your collar.

May I request duty at any particular Naval station? Yes, but your request may not be granted.

Am I allowed to have dates during recruit training? Yes, during week-end leave."

There you are, men. That's what they do and how they do it. It's a swell booklet and it does a good selling job.

It takes two to make a marriage — a single girl and an anxious mother.

## Use of V-Mail Urged In Writing Overseas

Because of the laxity of both the civilian and service populace in using V-mail when writing to people overseas, the air mail transportation facilities are being severely taxed. If greater use isn't made of the V-mail facilities, it will be necessary to discontinue carrying other personal mail overseas by air. This warning was contained in a letter issued by the Chief of Naval Operations to all ships and stations.

V-mail film takes up less than two percent of the space and weight occupied by regular mail. Unless the majority of letters to and from personnel overseas go via V-mail, there is a likelihood that air cargo space will be insufficient to accommodate even a small percentage of unfiled personal mail. Only other mail to precede V-mail in a priority status is officer messenger and official registered air mail.

The doctor asked the colored woman if she had ever been X-rayed. "I'm not sure," she replied, "is it the same as ultra-violated?"



Chaplain Robert B. Brannon, USNR  
KNOWING EVERYONE EXCEPT  
GOD

The story is told that when Mark Twain made a trip to Europe with his wife and 11-year-old daughter, they were the guests of many famous people. Kings and nobles vied with each other for the privilege of having the famous American as their guest at dinner parties, receptions, and other social functions. Many of the European universities conferred honorary degrees on the great American author.

At the end of the trip, as they were on the train which was taking them to the port from which they were to sail to America, Mark Twain read the list of celebrities who had entertained them. At the end of the long list, his little daughter looked up and said, "You must know everyone worth knowing except God."

Mark Twain was not the only person to leave God out of his list of acquaintances. In these hurried days when we are continually on the move, we are making acquaintances by the dozens, by the hundreds, and by the thousands. The moving pictures and radio make us familiar with faces and voices of the noted people of your time, but God is often too entirely ignored. We must not permit this to be done in our lives. Along with the cultivation of our friends, the making of many acquaintances, we must also cultivate an acquaintance with God. His face should become as familiar as that of our best friend or dearest loved one. We make that acquaintance and cultivate it by the use of prayer, meditation, and reflection. Let's all make certain that God leads our list of acquaintances.

## Navy Announces--

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sible. Meantime, the patients welcome the opportunity to make use of the convalescence period for personal achievement.

In the therapeutic rehabilitation program, patients are retained in a Naval hospital with a view to their physical restoration. For any disability that is permanent or will require a long period of treatment, patients will be discharged and transferred to the Veterans' Administration facilities.

While the patients are hospitalized, limbs and other prosthetic appliances are being furnished. Both physical and occupational therapy are undertaken in the program.

Other measures in the Navy's program, both of a preventative and curative type, include:

1. A system of convalescent leaves designed to expedite the recovery of incapacitated personnel.

2. A system of rest camps and convalescent hospitals with like purpose.

3. A policy of granting 30-day leaves to men who have been engaged in combat.



## POETIC LICENSE

### HEADLINING THE NEWS

Willkie drops from White House race,  
Station falls for Caniff's Lace,  
Requests for Gunner's Mate instruction

Keep coming in without reduction

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Coast Guard show called "Tars and Spars,"

Ship's Service Store without cigars,

Blue birds battle jays for house,  
Fire station reeks from long-dead mouse.

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Gaspar stages wash room leap,  
Coast Guard using ten-man jeep,

Paper feature head "Dear Vi,"

Ribs cooks and bakers on the sly.

Russians pour in Balkan states,  
World awaits invasion dates,

War Bond ponies in big scramble,

Now's your chance to take a gamble.

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This will have to do for now,  
Editor takes early chow,

How about some help from "youse,"

Just turn it in to HEADLINE NEWS,

### IN THE SPRING

In the spring a Sailor's fancy,  
Gently turns to thoughts of fun,  
Moonlight rides in the jalopy,  
And the gas to make it run.

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In the spring a Sailor's fancy,  
Gently turns to thoughts of cash,  
Through those lagging days till pay day,  
Financial structure near a crash.

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In the spring a Sailor's fancy,  
Takes him to a gurgling brook,  
Where the trout bite fast and vicious,  
And where wardens never look.

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In the spring a Sailor's fancy,  
Gently turns to thoughts of home,  
Mother's chicken pie and dumplings,  
Free to walk right out and roam.

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In the spring a Sailor's fancy,  
Gently turns to thoughts of love,  
Lends a new entrancing accent,  
To what all year he's thinking of.



by Leo Wilensky

John Pace, former race-track, tout, beer-joint jockey, and world peace planner has come up with a new dream. Up to now his fertile mind has toyed with (1) reallocation of war workers, (2) a plan by which all members of the Coast Guard would get 40 gals. of gas per week plus 8 prewar tires a year, (3) a new secret weapon, (4) the perfect murder, and (5) last, but not least, an evening alone with Hedy LaMarr. But now the Pace mind has taken a practical turn and has whipped up the following dream child. It has to do with installing coin-operated shoe-shine machines on all trains operating in and out of New York. Here's how John sees it: Servicemen are time hungry and usually wait until the last minute to catch a train. Besides this, those kid boot blacks embarrass the devil out of you by asking how many Japs you've killed with your bare hands. Once he's aboard the train he's relaxed and back to normal, which means he would like to meet a good-looking Spar or Wave. Like the 2-in-1 ads say, the first thing a gal does is look at your shoes. So you rush, quick-like, to the nearest "Pace Shiner Upper," invest a dime and get the shine of your life on those beat-up kicks. Of course, there is the money angle. Pace figures 50,000 shines at 10¢ each will gross \$5,000 a week. Being a generous kind of guy he will gladly give 50% of the profits to any sucker—I mean enterprising business man—who will put up ALL the money to get this little gold mine under way. Any takers? The line forms to the right of Pace's chair and all tips will be gladly accepted.

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When Bart Boss came into the Coast Guard, he got a terrific send-off from the folks back home. Just before the train pulled out his wife told him to write her every day, even if it was only a check!

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Add "Mairzy Doats" verses:  
Spar swear blue and tar swear blue,  
And liddle scoud swear caki,  
A whackle wear caki too,  
Wouldn't you?  
That one is worth a little concentration!

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When Dom Romeo turned 18 years, his father took him by the arm and said: "Dominic, you have reached an advanced stage in life. Today I'm going to let you look at the ladies' side of the laundry list." . . . Don't our Chiefs look classy in their new grays? The sight of 'em has revived the scuttlebutt about gray zoot suits for us lower-rated men. . . . We see by the paper that Dick Walker has got married up. Good luck, Dick! How about a cigar? . . . Dick Vandenberg, of the Sanitary Division, was telling me about an uncle of his who's a sword swallower. As a result of the steel shortage he can only get nail files. Consequently, he's the only man in the world with manicured tonsils!

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The Black Gang can hardly believe the good news. Red Oates has been advanced to WT2c1 Good luck, Red. How about a cigar? . . . Sully Sullivan was telling me about a new book in the station library. Its name is "Man, the Master of Woman." Of course, it's listed under "Fiction." . . . Doc Leiberman told Eddie Kotzak to get more exercise, so Boats is rolling his own cigarettes . . . Louis (Handsome Lou) Jacoby says his idea of an ideal marriage is when the wife is a treasure and the husband is a treasury . . . Eddie Smith and Paul Carney were having a profound discussion on the relative charms of their favorite pin-up girls. Smitty said he thought Lana Turner was really solid. But Carney, who favors Linda Darnell, scornfully said, "Listen, take Lana Turner's sweater away and what has she got?" Is he kidding?

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The reason Dave Solomon, the Institute electrician's mate, always has a N. Y. time table handy is a coddly SPAR who is stationed at headquarters in New York . . . Many years ago Benjamin Franklin (not Aesop as it is generally assumed) said, "To be an MAA a man must have the patience of Job, the judgement of Solomon, and a left hand like Joe Louis. Keerect! . . . If that



First prize in an AAF lottery in China recently was Paulette Goddard, who is touring U.S. air bases in the CBI theater. A hat-drawing was held for the privilege of piloting the shapely movie star on her trip and the winners, three officers and one EM, turned down offers of \$100 apiece to trade places with their eager comrades.

## New Magazines Ordered For Recreation Room

Subscriptions for seventeen magazines were purchased recently, and the new publications should start arriving within the next few days. The magazines ordered are Army and Navy Journal, Collier's, Coronet, Liberty, Look, Life, Reader's Digest, Saturday Evening Post, Field and Stream, Popular Mechanics, Downbeat (musical), News Week, Time, Baseball, Ring, New Yorker, and Aero Digest.

Total cost of the magazines is \$46.75, and it's money that will pay big dividends in enjoyment in the year to come. Let's all try to protect this investment by taking as good care of the magazines as we can.

Caduceus gag in last issue's Male Call had you wondering, don't fret, ole boy. One of the mates at Sick Bay looked it up in the dictionary, which defines it as the insignia of the Army Medical Corps and "the winged serpent-twined staff carried by Mercury, the messenger of the Gods."

Remember the old gag about the kid asking for the afternoon off because his grandmother died? Tom Kouri tried it out by asking for special liberty so he could go to Boston. His grandmother was going to play third base for the Red Sox. Manpower shortage, or somethin'. I'd like to add that he was turned down by Mr. Gaynor . . . Would you like to eat a good meal off plates without spending a week's salary? You can, for FREE, at the Masonic Center on Huntington St. New London, every Saturday night, through the courtesy of the Eastern Star and other local ladies' clubs . . . There's a small privy located between the barber and tailor shops. Joe Moore is in complete charge of this. Every time Joe sees someone heading in its direction he sings out, "You go to my head." No, Joe, you go to mine! . . . Sy Horowitz claims he doesn't know a thing about Gypsy Rose Lee's income tax problems. "But, he says, "she takes off plenty" . . . A while back Jim Waesche, son of the Admiral, was stationed at this base. The only reason I have for making that statement is that Jim may read this somewhere, and perhaps it will remind him that he still owes me 15¢ (Ed. Note: with interest, we suppose).

Goodbye is "so long."  
Good BUY is a WAR BOND!

## SPORT SLANTS

By RAY WEBER

Every branch of the service boasts of many "name" athletes, but few, if any branches, can match the wealth of talent enjoyed by the Coast Guard. Without a crystal ball we can't locate all of them for you, but here are a few men whose names should be familiar to everyone. First there's Jack Dempsey, former world's champion and now Comdr. Dempsey. And while on the "Jacks," there's Jack Kramer, professional tennis player who just made his Ensign's commission at the CG Academy. Bud Farrar, a New London athlete, is winning national fame in marathon circles and looks like a good bet in the annual BAA Patriot's Day marathon to be held in Boston, April 19. Fuzzy Levane, captain of the Univ. of St. John's basketball team which won the National Championship, is another. He won All-American honors. Add to this array, Art Coulter, captain and defense man for the N. Y. Rangers; and Frankie Brimsek, Mr. Zero of big-league hockey and former goalie with the Boston Bruins. Brimsek starred with the CG Cutters of Curtis Bay last season. There are quite a few and we haven't travelled very far in picking them out. Someday when we expand to a 16-page paper, we'll print them all for you.

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We could have quite a ball club if we could get these players together on the same team. At present they are scattered through several service teams in the Coast Guard. For the Bears, there are "Red" Branch and Aaron "Robbie" Robinson from the Yankees; "Babe" Young and "Micky" Witek from the Giants. Witek has a kid brother, "Mike," playing with the Bears this season; he will be up there crowding his brother before many years roll past. Then we have "Sebby" Sesti and Henry Majeski, both from the Braves (and how we'd like to see them wearing Bear skins). "Tommy" Hendricks is up in Sault Ste. Marie; Sesti in Buffalo, N. Y., and Majeski is playing with the Academy Dolphins this season. Don't overlook big "Red" Walsh who played a lot of ball with Louisville in the AA and with the Red Sox. He'll be with the Bears this season. Norm Jeager, Hank Sauer, Del Savio, Jim Hegan and a host of good players are scattered through other teams in the Coast Guard.

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Ramblings with "Roast Beef" . . . That must have been quite a bowling match between the Chiefs and the Girls' team up in Hartford. Rog Malbon was telling me that Frank Donnini, who normally bowls a neat "85," went hog wild and turned in a 122 average. Maybe a feminine audience is all that he needed . . . A certain attractive Miss Florence Shimkus of the Hartford team crashed through to a 122 to top the ladies for high honors. If the Executive Officer approves, we expect to give the ladies a welcoming hand when they play a return game here at the Station alleys.

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The Station baseball team is fast taking shape under the watchful eye and guiding hand of Mr. Bonham. Critics are already predicting that it will be "the team to beat" in local baseball competition . . . Heard from Jack Goldsmith, former Avery Pointer and one of the greatest set shot artists in the country. His DCGO team took the measure of the Ellis Island Receiving Station team in a two-out-of-three series to win the East Coast Service Championship. They won the CG Magazine trophy and a big banquet with all the trimmings. After the feed, Jack rode the galloping dominoes in for a \$38 winner . . . Chuck Hoefer "freemail" the news that the Boston DCGO quint had a fine season and more than held its own against the strongest collegiate service clubs in those parts. Chuck, by the way, was also instrumental in helping the Wilmington Bombers win the pennant in the American Professional League this past season.

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There's another trophy the Bears have received for winning the play-off championship in last season's Morgan Park Baseball League. Look for it in the trophy case in the Recreation Hall. And this season's basketball squad is sporting some fancy sterling medals as a result of being runners-up in the Norwich Tourney held last month.

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It looks from here as though the Yanks and St. Louis Cardinals will meet in the world series this Fall. While this column can't underwrite losses, we do expect a cut if this works out. Pay line will form to the right. "Them's my sentiments, fellows," and if you boys think otherwise, this column is always ready for a good argument.

## Servicemen Vote--

(Continued from page 1)  
for a primary ballot, anyone using the old card must remember to write in his party affiliation.

Except for the possible use of the new WD postcard, no changes have been made in the procedure for obtaining and voting by state absentee ballots. Sailors unable to vote in person may apply for an absentee ballot either in the manner prescribed by the law of his state, or by sending a postcard, new or old form, or a letter bearing the text of the new form to the secretary of state of his home state.

Some states will then send him the absentee ballot which he should fill out, get attested by an officer, and return immediately. Other states will send a formal "application for a state absentee ballot" which must be filled out according to instructions and returned before the state will send out the actual absentee ballot itself.

Postcards to be used in the November general elections will be delivered before August 15 for overseas and before September 15 for sailors in the U. S., when that is practicable under military conditions. The procedure for obtaining Federal ballots for use in the November general elections will not be announced until the state governors have certified to the War Ballot Commission whether their states will permit their use.

Additional information on the new law will be found in WD Cir. 128, April 3, 1944.

SP to tipsy Sailor: "Don't you know that stuff's slow poison?"  
Tipsy Sailor: "Schwhut of it? I ain't in any hurrish."

## Baseball League Schedule Set

The following games will be played by the Coast Guard Bears in the Morgan Park Baseball League. All games will be played at Morgan Park, according to present plans. As in the past, there will be no admission charge.

### FIRST HALF

Sunday, May 14, Dolphins vs Bears. Friday, May 19, Bears vs Ockfords. Wednesday, May 24, Bears vs Dolphins. Thursday, June 8, Ockfords vs Bears. Wednesday, June 14, Maritime vs Bears. Friday, June 16, Bears vs Independents. Thursday, June 22, Bears vs Sub Base. Thursday, June 29, Independents vs Bears.

### SECOND HALF

Thursday, July 6, Dolphins vs Bears. Wednesday, July 12, Bears vs Maritime. Thursday, July 20, Sub Base vs Bears. Thursday, July 27, Bears vs Ockfords. Thursday, August 10, Bears vs Dolphins. Thursday, August 17, Ockfords vs Bears. Wednesday, August 23, Maritime vs Bears. Friday, August 25, Independents vs Bears.

According to this schedule the first team listed is the home team. Weekday games will start at 1800. Sunday games will start at 1430.

## Cremos Out For Blood In Opener

When the Bears take the field against the New Britain Cremos in the opening game, May 7, at New Britain, there will be more at stake than just a ball game. The Cremos are out for revenge and, according to their manager, they're going to get it this year.

Last year the Bears won the first game between the two clubs in 10 innings. The second game was barely pulled out of the fire by the Cremos in the last inning, and the Bears turned in an impressive victory in the last and final game of the series.

The Cremos are anything but a pushover, and fans who are willing to travel to see their team in action will be assured of a tight, hard-fought ball game if they travel up New Britain way, come Sunday, May 7.

## Coast Guard Develops Ten-Man Jeep

NEW YORK (CNS)—The U. S. Coast Guard has developed a new ten-man jeep for use in shore patrol duties. The new troop-carrying jeep is bigger, faster and even tougher than its famous Army counterpart, the Coast Guard claims.

### MAIL CALL WITHOUT DELAY

A U. S. post office was doing business at Namur, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, less than 24 hours after American forces landed.

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—Dorothy Lamour has received this note from a Czech soldier stationed in England: "Dear Miss Lamour—I love you very much. I dream about you every night. Please send me a carton of American cigarettes."

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